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TAGS: PFOR, CH,

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF HUA KUO-FENG AS PRC ACTING PRIME MINISTER

1. APPOINTMENT OF HUA KUO-FENG AS ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF PRC HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE BUZZ OF INTEREST IN MANILA. EVENING FEBRUARY 9, PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD ME HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND. HE SAID THAT TENG HSIA-PING SEEMED SO CLEARLY IN COMMAND WHEN HE VISITED CHINA LAST JUNE, HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW HE COULD CONTINUE TO PERFORM HIS NORMAL ROLE UNDER THE NOMINAL SUPERVISION OF A MAN WHO HAD HELD A SUBORDINATE POSITION. HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY INTIMATION THAT TENG WAS BEING "SCRAPPED FOR THE SECOND TIME."

2. MRS. MARCOS, ON THE OTHER HAND, TOLD ME WITH GREAT GLEE THAT ALL HER PREDICTIONS HAD COME TRUE. CHOU EN-LAI HAD BEEN UNABLE TO PROJECT HIS BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL BEYOND THE GRAVE. HUA KUO-FENG IS "ONE OF CHING CHING'S PEOPLE. HE WAS WITH US IN NEPAL. I KNOW HIM WILL." (I PRESUME THIS MEANS THAT IMELDA MET HIM WHEN SHE ATTENDED THE

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NEPALESE CORONATION LAST YEAR.)

3. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, HAS PRESERVED CREDITABLE CANDOR. WHEN HE WAS BESIEGED EVENING OF DECEMBER 9 BY SEVERAL COLLEAGUES, WHO ASKED FOR EXPLANATIONS, HE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT HE READ IN HSIN HOA. HE CONFIRMED THAT TENG HSIA-PING REMAINED A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, BUT WHEN PRESSED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SAID "WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING WE KNOW ABOUT?" THE AMBASSADOR IS ONE OF THOSE WHO WAS SENT AWAY FOR RE-EDUCATION IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. SULLIVAN

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